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SUBJ: CHILE ATTEMPTS TO REFURBISH ANTI-COLONIAL IMAGE

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1. CHILEAN DELEGATE (MONTANER) TO UNGA DECOLONIZATION (FOURTH) COMMITTEE USED OCCASION OF COMMITTEE'S GENERAL DEBATE ON RHODESIAN ITEM OCT. 22 TO MAKE FIRST SPEECH TO COMMITTEE THIS SESSION. MONTANER REAFFIRMED GOC CONDEMNATION OF ALL FORMS OF NEO-COLONIALISM, RACISM AND APARTHEID, GOC SUPPORT OF AFRICAN LIBERATION MOVEMENTS, AND GOC SOLIDARITY WITH ZAMBIA. HE ALSO REAFFIRMED CHILEAN SUPPORT OF WORK OF COMMITTEE OF 24 IN WHICH CHILE WOULD CONTINUE TO FOLLOW AN ANTI-COLONIALIST POLICY.

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2. COMMENT: SPEECH OBVIOUSLY DESIGNED TO IMPROVE CHILEAN
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IMAGE AMONG AFRICAN DELEGATIONS, SEVERAL OF WHOM, IN UN DEBATE, HAVE STRONGLY SUPPORTED JOINT SOVIET-CUBAN CRITICISM OF CHILEAN JUNTA. SPEECH IS ALSO FIRST CLEAR SIGN THAT CHILE INTENDS TO REMAIN MEMBER OF COMMITTEE OF 24.

3. CHILEAN DELEGATES ARE BEGINNING TO OCCUPY SEATS ON OTHER COMMITTEES AND HAVE BEEN FAIRLY ACTIVE IN THIRD COMMITTEE (SOCIAL, HUMANITARIAN AND CULTURAL) WHERE CHILEAN REP FERANDO ZEGERS HAS SPOKEN FOUR TIMES: THREE TIMES IN REBUTTING CRITICISM OF GOC FOR VIOLATING HUMAN RIGHTS, AND ONCE IN MAKING GENERAL STATEMENT SUPPORTING DRAFT CONVENTION ON SUPPRESSION AND PUNISHMENT OF CRIME OF APARTHEID, IN LINE WITH POLICY DESCRIBED ABOVE.

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